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Christ, along with the whole Moral law, into the Memorial. Christian system, it becomes a Law for mankind, and is, therefore alike, old as the creation of man, and modern and universal as christianity itself.

That, regarding the Sabbath as intended for, and essential to man's spiritual, and physical, and social well-being, and considering that its violation is followed by the penalty of transgression in respect to all his interests; indeed, regarding the Institution as of supreme importance to the very existence of Christianity, and to the welfare of mankind, it is the unanimous sentiment of this Synod that it is the duty and for the interests of all, both in their individual and collective capacities, to observe it faithfully, and, as they love God, the Bible, their species and themselves, to use every right means to maintain it, in its full integrity, with all its high, holy, and beneficent designs and uses.

That, while there is an almost unanimous acknowledgment of the obligation to keep the Sabbath as a day of rest from all secular avocations, by persons in their private professional and commercial relations, it cannot be consistent for them in their aggregate character to demand, that they have public servants employed in any public work on that day, when they practically declare it be wrong in their individual capacities and circumstances.

Your memorialists therefore regard the transaction of business in any of the *Public Departments*, on the Sabbath, as sinful, as it relates to God, unjust, as it relates to man, and as setting a bad example to the whole community; and they assert and declare that, for the glory of God, and the honor of our common Christianity, for man's spiritual and physical good, and for our Country's reputation and prosperity, all business under Governmental control ought to cease on that day.

That with regard, especially, to the Postal Department in which public service is exacted on the Sabbath. Your memorialists affirm that the several mail routes by land and water, ought to be so arranged that there shall be no conveyance of mails and no Post office labor on that day.

On taking the subject, and these truths, into your early and earnest consideration, this Synod res-